



Tarpon Shores Chatter

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Manager's Corner –September 2026

As many of you know, August 27 was my last day serving as the Community Association Manager for Tarpon Shores. This is my last article for the Chatter. It has truly been a pleasure meeting everyone and working together to make Tarpon Shores the "Jewel of Tarpon Springs". Thank you to all of you who have supported our efforts both large and small in maintaining property values for all.

Karen Marrero is the new Association Manager assigned to your community. I hope you will take the time to stop in and meet her at some point and time. You will be in good hands with Karen at the helm and Paula as her Administrative Assistant. A great team.

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Penny Vierling	272 Northgate	Joe DeLuca

The Month of September

September's name comes from the Latin word septem, meaning "seven." This month had originally been the seventh month of the early Roman calendar.

September Calendar

- **September 7**—the first Monday of the month—is **Labor Day**. Canadians also observe Labour Day.
- **September 11** is **Patriot Day**, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- **September 11** starts **Rosh Hashanah**, a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the new year.
- **September 13** is **Grandparents Day** this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day!
- **September 17** is **Constitution Day**. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787 (just five years before the founding of The Old Farmer's Almanac, believe it or not!).
- **September 21** is recognized as the annual **International Day of Peace**. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.
- **September 22** marks the start of fall! This year's **Autumnal Equinox** occurs at 2:19 P.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.
- **September 29** is **Michaelmas**. Michaelmas is an ancient Celtic "Quarter Day" which marked the end of the harvesting season and was steeped in folklore.



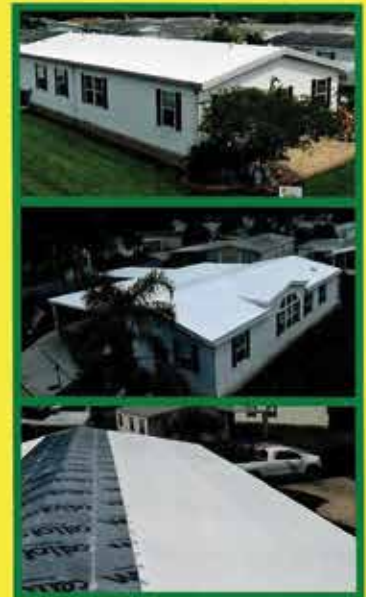
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Condolences

It is with great sadness to announce that longtime resident, **Ann Saylor**, 100 Rachel Dr. passed away in July. She is now with her husband, Jerry, who just recently passed in June. Condolences to the family and friends.

With deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Kenneth Rodricks** of 159 Melody Ln. who recently passed away. Sincere condolences for your loss.

President's Message

I would like to give a warm welcome to Karen Marrero, our new manager. Please feel free to drop by the office and introduce yourself. She has taken, the now retired, Charla's place.

We will be driving through the park weekly checking things out and getting her acclimated to the park.

We have gotten a decent amount of rain lately but as of this writing are still under water restrictions. I know there's not a lot we can do about the yards right now but please make sure your flower beds are free of weeds and your bushes are not above your roof line.

For all of the snowbirds, if you have someone taking care of your yard while you are away, please let the office know who it is.

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It has been extremely hot here. Hoping for cooler weather to come.

Debbie Lasater

Message From Karen Marrero, Community Association Manager

I am thrilled to be here at Tarpon Shores. This community has already been incredibly welcoming.

I want to express my gratitude to Charla and the board for the opportunity to serve this community. I believe in an open-door policy, and I am always happy to meet with residents.

I have three grown children and two grandchildren, and another on the way. They affectionately call me Grammy.

In my previous life, I ran a daycare for 30 years. I was also a member of my community's board for over a decade, holding various positions, including President, for many years. This experience has given me a unique perspective on both sides of the homeowner and manager roles.

The management company that we had at the time encouraged me to become a community association manager and that was 10 years ago, and that's how my journey in this industry began.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Karen Marrero, CAM

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5Shirley Zutes
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Donald Dostie
9Albert Halegoua
10.....Gena Bogard
11.....Jonathan Dec
Robert Renfro
John Zulpo
13Barbara Depinet
Cheryl Terryberry
Suzanne Martin
14Kathy Negrin
15Deborah Hill
Laurie Collins
16.....Anthony Vaseloff
17.....Shirley Gustafson
18.....Nowranie Jones
19William Fortier
22.....Sonja Meinke
23David Sands

24.....Nancy DelConte
Anthony Trotta
25.....Jeffrey Zilavy
27Mary Bucklin
28.....Shirley Williams
Nick Erwin
Albert Raschiatore
29.....Dianna Williams
Rick Carone
30.....Robert Crawford



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2Rene & Kate Caskanette
5Gregory & Susan Lyons
10Gary & Sandy Trimmell
11.....John & Michelle Kussin
13Terry Fairhurst & Heather Harrison
17Allen & Debra Austin
24.....Robert & Judith Lesperance
26Nancy & David Sands
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Sal Turns 100!

A good time was had by all for our very own Sal Esposito, who turned 100 years old August 1.

It was a great turnout with family and friends. Great stories of days gone by when he had an Italian restaurant/pizza parlor. What a

wonderful cook he is and stories of his woodworking skills. Cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all and I'm sure he is still busy scratching all of the lotto tickets he received.

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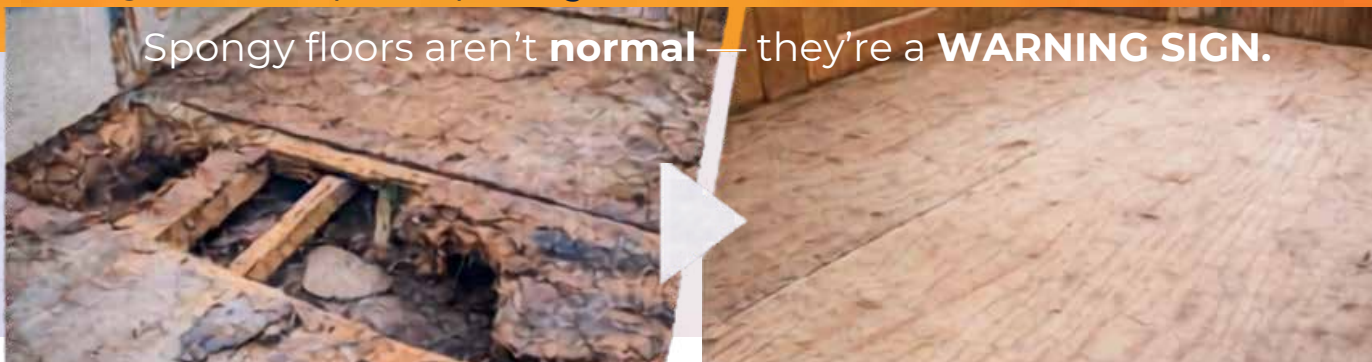
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Day 3: After a Continental Breakfast, you'll journey beyond the city limits of New Orleans and discover the DESTREHAN PLANTATION, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover what it is like to live in another time as you are guided through the lovingly restored main house and its exhibits by a friendly and entertaining costumed guide. Wander among the other authentic buildings on the plantation grounds, see the plantations daily demonstration, or browse through authentic gifts in the Destrehan Plantation's Gift Shop. Then, depart for New Orleans. Enjoy free time in the French Quarter. Do some shopping, stop to hear great music in the French Quarter – or just see the sights. This evening, you will enjoy Dinner with entertainment.

Day 4: After a Continental Breakfast, enjoy a GUIDED TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS and learn about the past and present of what makes this unique city a treasure. Next, you will head to Riverwalk, which features over 75 retailers and restaurants. Later, you will go on a relaxing RIVERBOAT CRUISE on the Mississippi River. Wind down as you set sail and explore the Mississippi River. This evening, you will Dine at a local restaurant.

Day 5: After a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for MARDI GRAS WORLD. Learn about the history of Mardi Gras, watch artists at work and enjoy a slice of the famous King Cake! Then depart for the French Market District. Since 1791, the French Market has served and entertained millions of visitors in the French Quarter. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 6: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you have seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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Before you replace your air conditioner, take a look at the area surrounding it. A few simple changes could save you money.

Keep Your Air Conditioner Clear

- Give it room to breathe. Maintain at least 3 feet of clearance around the outdoor condenser unit.
- Keep the service panel accessible with 3 feet of open space.
- Trim overhead growth to at least 5 feet above the unit.

Choose Landscaping Wisely

Select upright, low-maintenance plants. Avoid plants that shed leaves, berries, or seeds. Stay away from thorny bushes. Keep vines, weeds, and tall grass away from the unit.

Why It Matters

Plants growing too close can block airflow, causing the system to work harder, increasing electric bills and leading to costly repairs. Roots may damage underground drain lines, and lawn equipment can damage electrical wiring or refrigerant lines.

A Little Prevention Goes a Long Way

Proper landscaping can lower electric bills, reduce repairs, improve cooling performance, extend the life of your air conditioner, and make maintenance easier and safer.

Think twice before planting around your air conditioner. Planning today can save you hundreds—or even thousands—of dollars tomorrow.

Take pride in your home by taking care of the equipment that keeps it comfortable!

The Beautification Committee

Plant Tips



Right Plant, Right Place

A beautiful yard starts with choosing the right plants for Florida's climate. Select plants that thrive in full sun or shade, depending on where they will be planted. Native and Florida-friendly plants generally require less water and maintenance once established.

Remember these simple tips:

- Water deeply but less often to encourage strong root growth.
- Add 2 to 3 inches of mulch around plants to help retain moisture and reduce weeds. Keep mulch a few inches away from the base of the plant or tree.
- Remove dead flowers and damaged branches to encourage healthy new growth.
- Pull weeds before they spread and compete with your plants for water and nutrients.
- Fertilize only as recommended for the specific plant. Too much fertilizer can do more harm than good.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed so they do not block sidewalks, roadways, or air conditioning units.

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From our friends in Commissioner Egger's Office:



With spike in mosquito-borne illness detection, take extra care

Pinellas County Mosquito Control has seen increased transmission of mosquito-borne viruses in the county and surrounding Tampa Bay area and is urging residents to protect themselves and their loved ones from mosquitoes and prevent mosquito breeding.

The recent rainfall created plentiful habitat for mosquitoes to breed, including around parks, natural areas, homes and businesses. Mosquito-borne viruses have been detected in Pinellas County, and standing water increases risks of transmission. Mosquito Control has initiated enhanced mosquito treatments such as increased truck fogging, aerial larviciding and localized ground inspections for breeding locations.

Neighboring Hillsborough County has also recently reported confirmed cases of locally acquired dengue fever. As you travel throughout the Tampa Bay area, we encourage residents to take precautions and remain vigilant.

The best way to prevent mosquito bites is to follow the 3 Ds:

- **Dress** in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing with closed-toed shoes.
- **Defend** using an insect repellent with a CDC-recommended ingredient such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- **Dump** or cover standing water, which can include debris from recent rains holding water.

Pinellas County Mosquito Control works closely with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to monitor cases of mosquito-borne illness in our county and respond with mosquito treatment to reduce the risk of illness spreading. If you believe you have a mosquito-borne illness, please immediately contact the FDOH in Pinellas County at (727) 824-6932.



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Social Club

Planning is starting for next season; we encourage and welcome your suggestions for any social/educational event.

The calendar of Social Club events continues to grow, thanks to all of you!

Thurs. Nov, 5, 2026:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30 meeting	Sat. Feb 13, 2027:	Saturday Breakfast , Chair: Brien Stewart
Thurs. Nov 12, 2026:	Shuffleboard Starting – Chair: Nicky Parker will start until another person steps up	Tues. Feb 16, 2027:	High Tea with Katie
Fri. Nov 13, 2026:	Fall Dance, Tom Davis Chairs: Sharon Dasenbrock and Beth Fitz	Fri. Feb 19, 2027:	Karaoke , Jim and Jill Johnson
Thurs. Nov 26, 2026:	Thanksgiving Dinner Chairs: Garth & Debbie McFadden and Sue Lyons	Sat. Feb 20, 2027:	Pool party with music , Chairs: Jeff and Diane S.
Tues. Dec 1, 2026:	Casino Trip , Chair: Sue Lyons	Feb 22-27, 2027:	Bus trip to New Orleans , Chairs: Marleen T. and MJ H.
Wed. Dec 1, 2026:	Cookie Baking Class , Chair: Women's Club	Tues. March 2, 2027:	Casino Trip , Chair: Sue Lyons
Thurs. Dec 3, 2026:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30am meeting	Thurs March 4, 2027:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30am Meeting
Sat. Dec 5, 2026:	Arts and Crafts Sale Chair: Deb Erwin	Sat. March 6, 2027:	Senior Olympics , Chairs: Donna Russell and Deb Krebs
Wed. Dec 9, 2026:	Cookie Exchange , Chairs: Jayne B. and Kathy Z.	Sat. March 13, 2027:	Saturday Breakfast Chair: Brien Stewart
Fri. Dec 11, 2026:	Golf Cart Parade and Ugly Sweater Party , Chairs: Kathy Z. and Marleen Thompson	Sat. March. 13, 2027:	St. Pat's Dance , Band: Carl Motika Chairs: Needed
Sat. Dec 12, 2026:	Saturday Breakfast , Chair: Brien Stewart	Fri. March 19, 2027:	Karaoke , Jim and Jill Johnson
Fri. Dec 25, 2026:	Christmas Dinner , Chair: Jayne Barnes, and Deb Erwin	Sat. March 20, 2027:	Arts and Crafts : Chair: Deb Erwin
Thurs. Dec 31, 2026:	New Years Eve Dance (9-12am), Past Tense (Larry) Chairs: Mary Jo Hendricks and Linda Payne	Wed, March 24, 2027:	Golf Banquet
Tues. Jan 5, 2027:	Casino Trip , Chair: Sue Lyons	Thurs. March 25, 2027:	Shuffleboard party
Thurs. Jan 7, 2027:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30am meeting	Thurs. April 1, 2027:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30 meeting
Sat. Jan 9, 2027:	Saturday Breakfast , Chair: Brien Stewart	Sat. April 3, 2027:	Pizza Party , Chair: Rick and Linda Axtell
Sun. Jan 10, 2027:	Soup and Chili Cook off , Chair: Women's Club	Fri. April 9, 2027:	Bowling Banquet
Wed. Jan 13, 2027:	Poker Run , Chair: Deb Krebs	Ongoing events:	
Fri, Jan 15, 2027:	Karaoke , Chairs: Jim and Jill Johnson	Bingo (Mon)	
Wed. Jan 27, 2027:	Murder Mystery Potluck , Chair: Kathy Tracy	Mahjong/LRC	
Tues, Feb 2, 2027:	Casino Trip , Chair: Sue Lyons	Women's Club (First Tuesday of month)	
Thurs. Feb 4, 2027:	Social Club Meeting , 9am Donuts, 9:30 meeting	Water Aerobics	
Sun. Feb 7, 2027:	Super Bowl Party , Chairs: Cheryl and JD Duncan	Golf (Wed)	
Tues, Feb 9, 2027:	Women's Club Dinner , Chair: Women's Club	Bowling (Friday)	
Sat. Feb 13, 2027:	Valentine's Day Dance , Band SPF40, Chair: Bridget Fecteau	Euchre (Tues)	
		Texas Holdem	
		Mexican Train (Thurs)	
		Pickleball (Tues & Fri)	
		Library (Michele Genis)	
		Shuffleboard (Tues & Thursdays)	
		Welcome Committee (Kathy Zachar and Emily McGuire)	
		We are looking for people to Chair the Wednesday Golf League, Tuesday and Thursday Shuffleboard, or be on Bands for 2028 committee. Please let us know.	
		Have a wonderful summer and don't forget those that stay here all year, make plans and have some fun get together. Just post your idea on Facebook, people will join you!	

GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.

All requests to make changes, additions or alterations to or around the outside of your home must be submitted to the office for review.

This form and any accompanying paperwork must be turned into the office no less than 2 weeks prior to the start of work.

Requests must be on the front of this form which asks the following:

1. Written description of exactly what is to be done.
2. Drawing of proposed work needs to be attached.
3. Drawing should show position of home and any existing improvements on lot.
4. Description of materials to be used including style, color, etc.
5. Proposed construction timetable with proposed completion date.
6. Improvements must not infringe, restrict, impede, hinder, obstruct or be in conflict with neighbor's property, common area and set-backs.
7. All improvements must be consistent in color and style of existing dwelling.
8. Homeowner is responsible for locating and marking underground utilities. Contact Sunshine Dig-Safe at phone number 811.
9. Homeowner is responsible for any damage to neighbor's property, common areas, and all underground utilities that have been located/marked or not located/marked.

These guidelines are not inclusive of homeowner responsibilities regarding maintaining or improving your home. Please refer to the Tarpon Shores Rules and Regulations for detailed information.

Project working hours: Monday – Saturday 8 A.M. to 6 P. M. NO SUNDAYS

Plumbing working hours: Monday – Thursday 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Tarpon Shores is not required to provide City of Tarpon Springs permits. All work that requires a permit (City or County) is the full responsibility of the homeowner and a copy of the permit must be turned into the office.

The jobsite must be kept clean and orderly. All work materials must be removed immediately following completion of the job.

Homeowner Signature: _____

Date: _____

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727-485-8117 (fax)

E-Mail: tarponshoresro@tsrop.com

REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

(Please refer to pages 2 & 3 for guidelines)

(Homeowner please read and **sign page 2** of this form)

Homeowner (please print) _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

Description of work: (**please attach a clear drawing, sketch or diagram**)

Contractor's Name: _____

Contractor's Phone Number: _____

Approximate start date: _____ Completion date: _____

Date Approved: _____ Signed: _____

Special Conditions: (Please see page 3)

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Tarpon Shores RO Association Park Concerns

Date: _____ Name: _____

Home #: _____

Lawn Service Damage Forms

Please note going forward, issues with the lawn service should be submitted in writing to the office using the form below. Please complete the form in its entirety and turn it into the office as soon as possible following your particular incident. Thank you.

TARPON SHORES – LAWN SERVICE DAMAGE OR COMMENT FORM

Tarpon Shores
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Date of Damage: _____

NAME: _____

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YOUR COMMENTS OR DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE: _____

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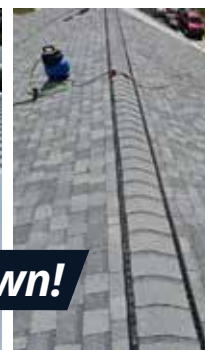
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